(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

Drug addiction among youths in Punjab

4129. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there has been an alarming rise in drug addiction amongst youth in Punjab, specially in the border areas;

(b) whether any schemes are being proposed by the Central Government to assist the State Government to deal with this menace by opening drug de-addiction centres in the seriously affected districts; and

(c) whether Government is seeking any help from Governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan to check infiltration of drugs into the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) There is no definite evidence to suggest alarming rise in drug addiction. However, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has been implementing the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Abuse) through voluntary organizations working in this field in coordination with the State Governments/UT Administration for identification, counseling, treatment and rehabilitation of the drug addicts by opening de-addiction centres in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Setting up of de-addiction centres

†4130. MS. SUSHILATIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of de-addiction centres functioning in the country, at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that funds are being made available to the States by the Central Government, for setting up of de-addication centres; and

(c) if so, the amount allocated to the Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Orissa, respectively, for establishment and running of such centres, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The details of the de-addiction centres supported by the Ministry in 2007-08 is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Funds are made available to the NGOs for setting up and running de-addiction centres subject to fulfilment of norms of the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse and the guidelines issued by the Ministry from time to time.

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